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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

8 - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Amended) A security system for a compartment defined in part by an upper wall, a lower wall, opposing sides and a door, said door, when closed, having an interior surface and an exterior surface comprising

(a) a locking member slidably engaged to said interior surface and having a lower end movable upon movement of said locking member from a first position exteriorly of said lower wall to a second position interiorly of said lower wall;

(b) engagement means engaged by said lower end when in said first position preventing the opening of said door;

(c) retention means engageable with said lower end when said lower end is in said first position to prevent movement of said locking member and said lower end to said second position, said retention means includes a passageway in said lower end and a pin extending through said passageway;
and

a lock having a hasp which, when closed, cooperates with another portion of said lock to define an opening and wherein said pin includes

an enlargement preventing movement thereof through said opening when said lock is closed.

14 – 15. (Canceled)

16. A security member system according to claim ~~15~~ 13 wherein said retention means further includes an exterior housing extending downwardly below said lower wall and positioned to receive said lower end when in said lower first position, an aperture in said housing for receiving said pin, said aperture positioned to permit said pin introduced therein to extend through said passageway to a position at which said lock may be closed with said enlargement on the opposite side of said hasp from said lower end.

17. A security system for a compartment defined in part by an upper wall, a lower wall, opposing side and a door, said door, when closed, having an interior surface and an exterior surface comprising

(a) a locking member slidably engaged to said interior surface and having a lower end movable upon movement of said locking member from a first position exteriorly of said lower wall to a second position interiorly of said lower wall;

(b) engagement means engaged by said lower end when in said first position preventing the opening of said door;

(c) retention means engageable with said lower end when said lower end is in said first position to prevent movement of said locking member and said lower end to said second position;

said retention means includes a passageway in said lower end and a pin extending through said passageway;

(d) a securing member slidably engaged to said interior surface

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and having an upper end movable from an upper position engageable with a stop member adjacent said upper wall to a lower position below said stop member; and

(e) means interconnecting said locking member and said securing member such that movement of said interconnecting means in a first direction causes said locking member to move from said first position to said second position and said securing member to move from said upper position to said lower position and movement of said interconnecting means in a second direction causes said locking member to move from said second position to said first position and said securing member to move from said lower position to said upper position; and

a locking having a hasp which, when closed, cooperates with another portion of said lock to define an opening and wherein said pin includes an enlargement preventing movement thereof through said opening when said lock is closed.

18 – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Amended) A security system according to claim ~~19~~ 17 wherein said retention means further includes an exterior housing extending downwardly below said lower wall and positioned to receive said lower end when in said first position, an aperture in said housing for receiving said pin, said aperture positioned to permit said pin introduced therein to extend through said passageway to a position at which said lock may be closed with said enlargement on the opposite side of said hasp from said lower end.